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Conflict Between NIE 40 and  
Sections of the NIS (IAC-D-13/3)

5. Action: It was agreed that NIE 40 should be pushed to completion even though certain sections of NIS would thereby be retarded.

6. Discussion: The competition of work on NIE 40 with the certain sections of the NIS schedule was recognized to be more critical as a result of a five percent personnel reduction across the board in the service intelligence agencies. Some relief in this problem was afforded by cutting to a minimum the terms of reference of NIE 40 and by the understanding that the Service Agencies might, where necessary, produce rough estimates of Satellite capabilities on the basis of existing research. This competition for limited resources in the economic field may be expected to continue and even to increase.

7. General Smith suggested, with respect to the five percent personnel reduction in the Service Agencies, that every effort should be made to retain within the intelligence community qualified personnel who might be released under the cut. This might be done either by CIA and the Department of State hiring them or perhaps by somehow assisting the service intelligence agencies to continue to have the benefit of the services of such personnel.

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